

Unit 5 - The Life Worth Living

Paradox from "Self-Reliance"

- "I am not solitary while I read and write, though nobody is with me."
- "But every night come out these envoys of beauty, and light the universe with their admonishing smile."
- "Most persons do not see the sun."
- "Almost I fear to think how glad I am."

Paradox from "Resistance to Civil Government"

- "That government is best which governs not at all."
- "I saw that, if there was a wall of stone between me and my townsmen, there was a still more difficult one to climb or break through, before they could get to be as free as I was."
- "I felt as if I alone of all my townsmen had paid my tax."

Figure of Speech

- "iron string" from "Self-Reliance"
- "joint-stock company"
- "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds"
- "May as well concern himself with his shadow on the wall"

- "As for the rest of my readers, they will accept such portions as apply to them. I trust that non will stretch the seams in putting on the coat, for it may do good service to him whom it fits" p. 234
- "I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life . . . " p. 237
- "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away." P. 243

Metaphor from "Walden"